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(ARMS TALKS)

WASHINGTON--THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROHIBITED THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY TO BRIEF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE ARMAMENT LIMITATION AND CONTROL TALKS WITH RUSSIA WHICH OPEN NOV. 17, SEN. ALBERT GORE, D-TENN., CHARGED TODAY.

GORE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE DISARMAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID HE WAS FORCED TO CANCEL A SCHEDULED BRIEFING BECAUSE NO ONE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED TO A REQUEST TO APPEAR.

THE TENNESSEE SENATOR SAID AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY, WHICH WILL CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET, INFORMED THE COMMITTEE STAFF THAT "THE AGENCY HAS BEEN DIRECTED NOT TO CONDUCT SUCH BRIEFINGS ITSELF."

ALL SUCH REQUESTS FOR BRIEFINGS ARE TO BE REFERRED TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, OR THE WHITE HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE.

"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TO MY KNOWLEDGE THAT AN AGENCY CHARGED WITH A RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT BEEN WILLING, OR, AS IN THIS CASE, FREE, TO MEET WITH THE DISARMAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON A SUBJECT ON WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS JURISDICTION."

HE ADDED "THE REASON FOR THE PROHIBITION UPON THE AGENCY'S FREEDOM TO MEET WITH AND BRIEF THE DISARMAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE IS BEYOND MY UNDERSTANDING."

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